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FOR AA/AFR-DR ADAMS AND AF/W FROM AMBASSADOR

1. I AM DISTURBED BOTH BY SUBSTANCE OF THE DECISION
AND BY MANNER IN WHICH IT WAS APPARENTLY TAKEN, WITHOUT
REFERENCE TO OUR FIELD POSTS, TO PHASE OUT OR MINIMIZE
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. WHILE
I REALIZE THE DECISION APPEARS TO BE GENERAL ONE
COVERING OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (QUERY: ONLY
IN AFRICA?) I SHALL CONFINE MY COMMENTS TO OMVS.

2. IT MAY BE ARGUED, WITH VARYING DEGREES OF PLAUSI-
BILITY, THAT OMVS AND ITS PREDECESSOR WERE LARGELY
GIVEN LIFE TO MEET US DESIRES TO CHANNEL OUR ASSISTANCE
THROUGH REGIONAL ORGANISMS TO REPLACE EARLIER BILATERAL
ASSISTANCE. WHETHER WE PREPARED PUBLICLY ADMIT THIS OR
NOT, THIS IS CERTAINLY VIEW OF MEMBER GOVTS, AND
THAT VIEW IS FACT OF LIFE. WHILE REAL RAISON D'ETRE
OF OMVS IS COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF RIVER BASIN,
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INCLUDING MANANTALI AND OTHER PROJECTS AND ALL THEY

ENTAIL, WE PROCEEDED TO QTE HANG UNQTE THREE REGIONAL PROJECT AREAS ON OMVS FRAME. THESE ARE GRAIN STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS, WHICH LARGELY BEING NEGOTIATED AND IMPLEMENTED ON BILATERAL BASIS; POULTRY PROJECT, WHICH IS DUE TO BE PHASED OUT NOT LATER THAN NEXT JUNE; AND LIVESTOCK PROJECT, WHICH SO FAR STILL IN DESIGN STAGE FOR ONLY ONE OF THE THREE MEMBER COUNTIES.

3. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE COMMENTED REGULARLY ON INSTITUTIONAL WEAKNESS OF OMVS AS AN ORGANIZATION, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF BASIC TECHNICAL COMPETENCE. IT WAS IN THIS FRAMEWORK THAT ADO/DAKAR ARRANGED FOR MOST USEFUL AND APPRECIATED SHORT TERM SERVICES OF LEGAL EXPERT PARNELL TO ASSIST IN PUTTING OMVS ON SOUND LEGAL BASIS AS PREREQUISITE TO OMVS NEGOTIATIONS WITH ENTIRE DONOR COMMUNITY.

4. I DO NOT PROPOSE HERE, ESPECIALLY IN ABSENCE RDO MCADAMS WHO IS TRAVELING WITH SAHEL STUDY GROUP, TO COMMENT ON SPECIFICS OF ADO PROPOSALS FOR INDIVIDUAL PERSONNEL MENTIONED REFTEL. I AM, HOWEVER, DEEPLY CONCERNED WITH THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE VERY FUNDAMENTAL POLICY DECISION TAKEN IN PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS, BASED ON NEITHER CONSULTATION WITH, NOR EXPLANATION TO, THE MISSIONS CONCERNED WITH OUR RELATIONS WITH THEOMVS SEMBER STATES.

5. IN SHORT, WHILE ADMITTEDLY OMVS AS AN ORGANIZATION HAS FAILED SO FAR TO DEVELOP INTO VERY SIGNIFICANT INSTRUMENT OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AS LARGELY DUE TO DONOR DISINTEREST AND NEGLECT AS TO INHERENT WEAKNESS EITHER IN CONCEPT OR IN FAILURE OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO PUT FLESH ON ITS ORGANIZATIONAL BONES. THE NEXT YEAR OR TWO WOULD SEEM TO BE MAKE OR BREAK PERIOD FOR OMVC IN TERMS OF SUCCESS OF FAILURE IN ATTRACTING SUPPORT OF MAJOR DONORS OR GROUPINGS OF DONORS, AMONG WICH US WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PLAY ONLY SUPPORTING ROLE AT BEST. IN THE MEANTIME, LIMITATION TO QTE PROJECTS RELATED TO SPECIFIC SECTORS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AID UNQTE, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, THAT TOUCH OMVSC CONTRADICTS OUR PREVIOUS POSITION OF VIEWING THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE SENEGAL RIVER VALLEY AS BEING OF PRIORITY INTEREST TO AID AS A MEDIUM AND LONG TERM MEASURE IN OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT DESERT ENCROACHMENT AND TO SEEK REMEDY OF THE RECURRENT DROUGHT CYCLE. DO WE REALLY WISH, AT COST OF RELATIVELY SMALL EXPENDITURE IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FIELD, TO LEND WEIGHT TO THESIS WHICH OULD AMAR AND COMPANY ARE INCREASINGLY PUSHING WITH MEMBER STATES, THAT US HAS IN EFFECT

WRITTEN OFF OMVS? SHOULD WE NOT PRESERVE OUR OPTIONS
FOR FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THIS ORGANIZATION FOR A WHILE
LONGER?

6. I URGENTLY PROPOSE THAT DECISION OF THE PRINCIPLE
OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL BE THE SUBJECT OF THOROUGH
INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION AND REVIEW, INCLUDING
CONSULTATION WITH FIELD. I AM PERSONALLY OF STRONG
OPINION THAT ALL TECHNICIANS REQUESTED SHOULD BE
APPROVED ON GROUNDS THAT PROJECT CONFORMS TO AID'S
SECTORAL REQUIREMENTS AND DOES NOT REPRESENT SUPPORT
TO A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION JUST FOR THE SAKE OF
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